

**TOWN OF TREMONT**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2003**

## **NOTICE**

### **To the Citizens of Tremont, Maine:**

The records of the town are kept in the Town Office  
Residents may examine these records by calling the Town Office  
During business hours, Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00.

### **To the Taxpayers of Tremont, Maine:**

All taxpayers should read and comply with the following provisions of the law on tax assessments:

Title 36, Chapter 105 and 706, M.S.R.A., 1981

Before making an assessment, the assessor may give reasonable notice in writing to persons liable to taxation in the municipality to furnish to the assessor true and perfect lists of all their estates, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April of the same year. The notice to owners may be mail directed to the last know address of the taxpayers or by any other method that's provides reasonable notice to the taxpayer.

If notice is given by mail and the taxpayer does not furnish the list, he is barred of his right to make application to the assessor or any appeal there from for any abatement of his taxes, unless he furnishes the list with his application and satisfies the assessor that he was unable to furnish at the time appointed.

## **TOWN OF TREMONT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

All meetings are held at the Tremont Community Center at time indicated unless otherwise posted. Call the Town Office for more information.

Board of Selectmen	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:00PM
Planning Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:00PM

**Please bring your copy of the Town Report to Town Meeting. Upon arrival, please check in with the Registrar of Voters to receive you voting card.**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

Dedications	1
Administrative Officials	3
Tremont Officers	4
Town Clerk's Report	8
Animal Control Officer	9
Representative to Legislature	10
Town Manager Report	11
Assessor's Report	13
Harbor Committee	15
Planning Board	16
Historical Society & Housing Authority	17
2003 Tax Liens	18
2004 Unpaid Taxes	19
Health Officer & E9-1-1 Committee	20
Fire Department	21
Bass Harbor Memorial Library	23
Police Advisory Committee & Seal Cove Ramp Committee	25
Principal's Report	26
William Searls Foundation	27
School Nurse Report	28
Tremont Consolidated School	29
Tremont School Budget	31
Auditors Report	37

## **FREDERICK “BUBBA” BUTLER**

Frederick “Bubba” Butler was a life long resident of Tremont. Bubba served his country proudly during World War II in the U.S. army in January of 1943. He was wounded in September 1944 near Liege, France and was awarded the Purple Heart. He returned to Tremont in 1945 and married his wife Eleanor. Together they raised six children.

Bubba was a life long fisherman and was an active member of the Harbor Committee and the Seal Cove Ramp Committee.

One of Bubba’s greatest joys was his duck pond; he loved feeding the ducks, turtles and the fish. Bubba will always be remembered for his story telling, he will be forever missed.

## **HARLAND S. BUTLER**

Together with his beloved wife Agnes M Harper, they celebrated 62 years of marriage; Harley lived his life in Seal Cove Maine raising ten children. Harley served in the United State Army as a field artillery man with duty in the South Pacific. After returning home he did masonry work until his employment in 1934 with Ben C. Worcester as an attendant to the Southwest Harbor Landfill, where he worked until his death.

As an avid outdoorsman, hunter and gardener. Harley fished, trapped and grew extensive gardens, all the while enjoying the Maine world around him.

An Icon of the local area, he was fond of socializing and greeting customers at the EMR transfer station. He delighted everyone he met with humorous stories and local lore and was available to anyone in need with his great generosity. Harley will be sorely missed by his family and the community he so richly served.

## ADMINISTRATIVE TOWN OFFICIALS

Millard Billings  
McKenzie Clough

Millard Billings

Heidi Farley  
Kathy Thurston  
Jimmy Schlaefel  
Justin Seavey  
Alison Price  
Ellwood Kelley  
Janet Patton  
Terri Lanpher  
Bradley Reed  
Keith Higgins

Town Manager  
Town Clerk  
Tax Collector  
CEO  
Plumbing Inspector  
Deputy Clerk/Special Projects  
Bookkeeper  
Public Works  
Public Works  
Harbor Master  
Animal Control Officer  
Registrar of voters  
Health Officer  
Fire Chief  
Emergency Management Director

## **TREMONT OFFICERS**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Alden Gray-Chr.	2005
Scott Grierson	2006
Scott Harper	2004
Steve Harper	2006
Dean Tozier	2005

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Wayne Patton	2006
Jim Keene	2006
Linda Graham	2004
George Urbanneck-Chr.	2004
Galen Warman	2007
Heath Higgins	2007

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Christina Butler-Chr.	2004
Mary Harkins	2005
Hazel Rich	2006
John Horton	2004
Burr Shaw	2005

### **SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

Doug Gott	2006
Glendon Stanley	2005
Jim Geary	2004

### **WARRANT COMMITTEE**

Sherry Harkins	2007
Eric White	2005
Frank Gray-Chr.	
Heath Higgins	2007
Linda Graham	2005
Galen Warman	2005
Steve Carter	2006

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Marcia Maderia	2008
Joanne Harris-Chr.	2008
Frank Keenan	2004
Phillip Worden	2005
Melvin Atherton	2006
Mark Mosenteen	2007

### **TREMONT HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Harold Cummings	2006
Doris Reed	2007
Ben Harper	2007
Francis Martin	2006

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Rose Pinchetti	2005
Virginia Libhart	2004
Wayne Libhart	2004
Frank Gray	2008
Jim Keene	2005
Dean Tozier	2007

### **SEAL COVE WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEES**

Bradley Reed	2004
Wayne Patton	2006
Harold Cummings	2006

### **SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Scott Harper	2004
John Buckwalter-Chr.	2004
George Urbanneck	2006
Frank Gray	2004
Elliott Spiker	

### **POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

McKenzie Clough	2004
Scott Grierson	2004
Christina Butler	2004
Diane Miller-Chr.	2004
Bob Martin	2004



### **TREMONT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Doug Gott	2006
Glendon Stanley	2007
Eric White	2006
Charlie Dillion-Chr.	2007
Scott Harper	2007
Ben Harper	2007

### **TREMONT LAND USE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Connie Howe	2004
Steve Carter	2004
Galen Warman	2004
Scott Grierson-Chr.	2004
Art Paine	2004

### **RECREATION BOARD**

Heidi Farley	2008
David Campbell	2005
Bobby Williams	2006
Carroll Lunt	2006
Brian Devisme-Chr.	2006
Beth Lawson	2007
Jennie Gray	2007
Andy McMullan	2006

### **HARBOR COMMITTEE**

Stuart Murphy-Chr.	
Haywood May	2007
Charlie Dillion	2007
Melvin Atherton	2007
Steve Harper	2007
Scott Harper	2005
Diane Miller	2005
Everett Beers	2005
Northwood Kenway	

### **BASS HARBOR LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Harvey Kelley	2005
Ruth Grierson	2005
Rose Pinchetti	2005
Paul Hinton	2006
Lester Radcliffe	2006
Elaine Eaton	2006
Andrea Tupper	2009
Art Paine	2007
Alice Ann Tracey	2007
Rosemary Tilden	2006
Carey Donovan	2007
Ann Wentworth	2005
Linda Musson	2005

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE**

Patty Tierney-Chr.	2006
Frances Martin	2006
Lisa Jacobs	2005
Phil Worden	2005
John Clark	2005
Fay Lawson	2006
Ellen Church	2007
Eric White	2007
James Geary	2005

## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

This has been a very busy year for the Town of Tremont. The office has seen a great deal of change this year. We have welcomed Kathy Thurston back to the office, though she has tried on every hat here in the office she has come back to do the Town's book keeping. We are extremely glad to have her back on a full time basis. We have also welcomed Millard Billings as our new Town Manager.

The Clerk's business is conducted Monday-Friday 9-5, our phone number is 244-7204. The Town has completed many projects and several others are still in the works. The town had its very first Backside Blast. A new yearly event sponsored by the Tremont Recreation Board and the Tremont PTO. Many residents volunteered their time to get this event off the ground, even the Selectmen volunteered to cook for everyone. If you missed the Blast last year be sure not to miss it next year!! All the money that was raised was put into the new gym floor. If you haven't been by to see it please stop by. The recreation Board is busy planning other events for the whole family. Tremont Hoop fest was another successful project for the Town. We have plans for fitness/walking trail for the community and to replace the old Tremont Consolidated School sign with a new and improved "Upcoming Events" sign. If you are interested in volunteering your time for any of these projects or any other committees in town please contact the Town office. We are always looking for people who are willing to make a difference in our community.

The Clerk's office has been busy with the usual stuff. Please remember that dog licenses expire the end of January. Be sure that your pet has current rabies shots and stop to register him/her. Also again the State of Maine has changed the hunting and fishing license fees as well as the license itself. You are encouraged to read the license carefully and purchase all licenses at one time.

And we have seen many wonderful residents pass on. They will all be sadly missed.

James Schultz  
Mildred Rich-Dodge  
Margaret Greenlaw  
Larry Stanley  
Charles Jones  
Donna Smith  
Rosemary Reed  
Kenneth Griffin

Harry Temple  
Frederick "Bubba" Butler  
Harland Butler  
Nathan McClure  
Kenneth Butler  
David Elvin  
Phoebe Olsen  
Robert Gann  
Eldora Murphy

On a happier note the town has welcomed many new residents. 11 new baby boys and 19 new baby girls.

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

This will be my last report; I am resigning after 22 years as Tremont's Animal Control Officer. Thanks to all the people that help me get started. This job has changed a great deal from when I started; it's not about being just a dog catcher anymore. The State changes the laws often and as the laws change so does the job.

As always this was another busy year, I received over 160 call concerning cats, dogs, foxes and raccoons.

11 barking dog complaints	22 stray dogs taken home
2 dogs hit by cars	14 cats hit by cars
25 call on foxes	23 calls on raccoons
4 calls on bats	12 loose dogs
30 missing cats (most found)	4 dog bites
2 calls on dogs without proper shelter	

10 calls on dogs and cats where the person/persons that called wouldn't tell where the animals were or who they belonged to.

Once again I would like to remind our dog owners of a few State laws.

The Town of Tremont has a barking ordinance that prohibits prolonged barking. Please see that your animals are not left unattended. The State has laws on transporting animals in open vehicles. Please be sure that all animals are protected in a manner that prevents the animals from being thrown, falling or jumping from the vehicle. One last thing to remember is that if you are on a public thoroughfare your dog must be on a leash, the State has strict laws about animals at large.

The State of Maine has new laws concerning cats as well. Cats must wear a collar and tag that provides the name and address of its owner, or a tag providing the name of the animal shelter that issued the tag. Or a registered microchip used in conjunction with a visible collar and tag, with a faceted reflective ear stud or tipped or notched ear.

**REMINDER:** It is State law that cats have rabies shots as well as dogs. Each year rabies gets closer and closer to home. Please protect your pets, be sure your animals have all their current shots.

Respectfully, Submitted,  
Ellwood Kelley-ACO



**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**CLERK'S OFFICE**  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

**Millicent M. MacFarland**  
*Clerk of the House*

TO: Editor, Annual Report - Tremont

FROM: ~~M. M. M.~~  
Millicent M. MacFarland  
Clerk of the House.

Many municipal annual reports include the category of "Representative to Legislature" at the conclusion of the listing of Municipal Officers.

In the belief you may want to aid citizens to more readily contact their House member, we are hopeful that you will include the following information in the Municipal Officers section:

**Representative to the Legislature**  
**(Term exp. 12/1/04)**

**District: 129**

State Representative: Hon. Hannah Pingree  
Home Address: 92 Mills Street  
North Haven, ME 04853  
  
Residence: (207) 867-0966  
Business: (207) 691-5071  
Home E-Mail: hannah@pingree.com

Capitol Address: House of Representatives  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

Capitol Telephone: 207-287-1400  
207-287-4469 (TTY)

Year-Round Toll Free House of Representatives Message Center 1-800-423-2900  
Maine Legislative Internet Web Site - <http://janus.state.me.us/legis>

## **TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

The past year has been a busy one for the Town of Tremont. The spring of 2003 saw the Town Wharf Project completed. Over the summer the shoulder of the Cape Road was stabilized with rip rap and seeded. The second section of Kelleytown Road was reclaimed and paved. Heat has been installed in the new town garage. Jimmy Schlaefer has added a furnace room and a loft for storage. Two new finger floats were built this winter by the Public Works crew.

The Town has a new web site ([www.tremont.me.gov](http://www.tremont.me.gov)). Many thanks to Elliott Spiker, whose help and expertise have made this project possible. The web site is still in its infancy. We hope to have the site fully operational this summer.

The COPS Grant Program has enabled Tremont to contract with the Maine State Police under their Resident Trooper Program for Trooper Jason Leper to provide the Town with forty hours per week of police coverage.

The E9-1-1 Committee has completed the updates to the E9-1-1 maps, which have been taken to Augusta and hand delivered to the State Office of GIS. When all revisions are completed we will then be able to move forward with the house numbering.

There have been several changes in the Towns' staffing over the past year. The staff deserves credit for their ability to adjust and support the various changes. Their willingness to cooperate has made the transitions much smoother and easier for everyone. Thank you to everyone! Kathy Thurston and Justin Seavey became full time employees last fall. Tremont has contracted with Gary Geaghan to serve as the Towns' Assessor. One of the most notable differences may well be the retiring of Ellwood Kelley as Animal Control Officer. Mr. Kelley has served the Town of Tremont for 22 years. In these times of constant changes it is important to recognize a citizen who dedicates so much time and service to the community.

Various Boards and Committees have served the Community over the past year, donating their time, experience and knowledge. Their hard work is greatly appreciated by all. Tremont is fortunate to have so many people willing and able to lead the community into the future. These are the true role models for the next generation.

I began as Interim Town Manager in the fall and was hired as Town Manager and CEO on April 1, 2004. I wish to express a special thank you to everyone, staff and citizens, who have encouraged and supported my new position as Town Manager.

Sincerely,  
Millard Billings  
Town Manager

# BUDGET REQUEST AND COMPARISON

	2002 Actual	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2004 1-Apr	2005 Proposed
ADMINISTRATION					
Wages	185,964.00	203,175.00	247,636.00	122,870.00	230,739.00
Benefits	59,624.00	78,414.00	98,867.00	72,397.00	108,687.00
Office Operations	45,838.00	66,936.00	55,300.00	28,532.00	65,000.00
Totals	291,426.00	348,525.00	401,803.00	223,799.00	404,426.00
INSURANCES	8,407.00	9,701.00	16,156.00	12,522.00	18,539.00
PROTECTION	39,685.00	40,115.00	44,300.00	18,769.00	46,500.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT	0.00	0.00	48,000.00	22,435.00	91,092.00
DEBT SERVICE	40,513.00	23,869.00	75,625.00	75,615.00	78,615.00
REC. BOARD	-1,234.00	3,608.00	1,500.00	6,840.00	3,500.00
HARBOR HOUSE	5,000.00	20,780.00	22,361.00	14,908.00	10,117.00
LIBRARY	6,969.00	3,124.00	22,800.00	10,719.00	23,650.00
COMM. BLDNG	15,928.00	17,306.00	18,619.00	12,237.00	20,263.00
PUBLIC WORKS					
SUMMER ROADS	26,281.00	42,048.00	100,000.00	41,576.00	100,000.00
WINTER ROADS	67,788.00	65,006.00	71,500.00	94,701.00	93,000.00
TOWN EQUIPMENT	10,216.00	24,557.00	7,000.00	3,839.00	7,000.00
TOWN FLOATS	17,986.00	-2,278.00	2,000.00	962.00	0.00
MAINT. & REPAIR	1,113.00	389.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
SEPTIC SLUDGE	-1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
STREET LIGHTS	9,390.00	8,870.00	10,500.00	7,626.00	10,500.00
CEMETERIES	2,229.00	1,168.00	2,000.00	372.00	6,000.00
SEAL COVE RAMP	945.00	403.00	1,500.00	263.00	1,500.00
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	555.00	739.00	6,000.00	869.00	6,000.00
BOARD EXPENSE					
PLANNING	2,921.00	5,384.00	7,815.00	2,271.00	8,250.00
APPEALS	419.00	42.00	1,500.00	678.00	1,500.00
SEAL COVE FISHWAY	130.00	13.96	500.00	12.00	500.00
AMBULANCE	26,424.00	26,424.00	27,217.00	27,217.00	28,034.00
D. E. TRANSPORT.	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
HIST. SOCIETY	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
D. E. HEALTH	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	1,110.00
RED CROSS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ISLAND TRANSPORT	3,105.00	3,105.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
HOSPICE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
ISLAND CONNECTION	500.00	500.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
B.H. FOOD PANTRY	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
SOLID WASTE					
E.M.R. INC.	85,502.00	75,203.00	90,000.00	68,819.00	94,200.00
PERC	56,404.00	57,488.00	56,000.00	45,543.00	58,400.00
MERC	1,183.00	1,199.00	1,000.00	897.00	1,400.00
ADD	0.00	0.00	0.00	990.00	2,808.00
SOLID WASTE COMM.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
MISC.	1,228.00	870.00	1,500.00	85.00	1,500.00
CONTINGENCY	2,058.00	0.00	12,500.00	180.00	12,500.00
COUNTY TAX	121,432.00	126,889.00	154,576.00	154,576.00	160,368.00
RESERVES					
COMM. BLDNG	0.00	10,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
TOWN TRUCK	4,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
SEAL COVE	5,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOWN WHARF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BLACK PROP.	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TN. EQUIP. RES.	1,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
MUNICIPAL BLDNG		0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
			1,349,922.00		1,437,422.00

## 2003 ASSESSOR'S REPORT

2003-2004 Valuation	344,244,000.00
2002-2003 Valuation	171,687,500.00
Gain in Value	<u>172,556,500.00</u>

### 2003-2004 Valuation:

Land & Buildings	\$ 342,930,600.00
Personal Property	1,313,400.00
Total Taxable Valuation	<u>344,244,000.00</u>
Mill Rate	0.00860
Total Taxable Valuation multiplied by Mill Rate	<u>2,960,498.40</u>

### Assessments:

County Tax	154,575.91
Municipal Appropriation	1,242,518.00
School Appropriation	2,314,922.00
Overlay	33,296.99
Total Assessments:	<u>3,745,312.90</u>

### Deductions:

State Revenue Sharing	88,322.00
Homestead Reimbursement	19,285.50
Other Revenue	677,207.00
Total Deductions:	<u>784,814.50</u>
Total Assessment	3,745,312.90
Total Deductions	784,814.50
Net Assessment	<u>2,960,498.40</u>

### Increases:

	2003-2004	2002-2003
County Tax	154,575.91	126,888.89
Municipal Appropriation	1,242,518.00	963,369.00
School Tremont Elem.	1,703,028.00	1,645,635.00
School MDIHS	611,894.00	562,488.00
Overlay	33,296.99	25,506.93
	<u>3,745,312.90</u>	<u>3,323,887.82</u>



## **Assessor/Plumbing Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer**

**April First** is the day property taxes are assessed every year. Property is assessed to the owner of record and new construction projects are assessed by the percent of completion on April 1st annually. Applications for tax exemption (Veterans Exemption, Homestead Exemption, Blind Exemption, Tree Growth, and Open Space) must be filed with the assessor on or before April 1st, applications are available at the assessor's office.

Our tax maps were updated as of April first 2003. Mr. Gary Geaghan has completed a town wide revaluation process effective for the 2003-2004 tax year. The new valuations lowered the towns mill rate to \$8.60 per thousand dollars of valuation.

No building or structure or part thereof shall be erected, constructed, expanded, moved, or altered to change the use without first obtaining a permit. No lot shall be divided as to make a substandard lot. Three or more unregistered vehicles stored in a yard or field requires a permit for an automobile graveyard. These have been the three major areas of permit violations this year. As Code Enforcement Officer, I issued 138 building permits in the calendar year 2003 the value of these permits was \$8,706.75.

During the calendar year 2003 I have issued 74 Plumbing Permits, the Town's portion was \$3,900.75

My office hours are 9-5 Monday through Friday. If you have any questions please call me at 244-7204. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Millard Billings CMA/LPI/CEO

### **FIVE YEAR VALUATION COMPARISONS**

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
State Valuation	248,350,000	231,450,000	185,824,388	180,850,000	169,000,000
Increase	16,900,000	45,625,612	4,974,388	11,850,000	8,100,000
% of increase	6.8%	19.71%	2.68%	6.55%	4.79%
Town Valuation	344,930,600	171,687,500	163,600,800	157,746,900	154,110,800
Increase	172,556,500	8,086,700	5,853,900	3,636,100	2,930,550
% of increase	50%	4.71%	3.58%	2.31%	1.90%
Net Assessment	2,960,498.40	2,678,325	2,568,532	2,247,893	2,625,809
Increase/decrease	282,173.40	109,793	320,639	-377,916.20	781,617.87
% of change	9.5%	4.10%	12.48%	- (16.81%)	29.77%

## **HARBOR COMMITTEE**

Since last year we have purchased two hydraulic hoists for the Tremont town wharf. We are continuously replacing and adding to the floats in the harbor. The Harbor Committee is currently looking into getting the wharf house back in condition so that it can be rented again as a source of income for the harbor. We are looking into getting the southwest corner of the dock dredged so that it would be assessable at any tide.

The Harbor Committee was deeply saddened by the loss of Frederick “Bubba” Butler this past year. He was a long standing member of the Harbor Committee and the Seal Cove Ramp facility and his contributions to these committees will be missed. We are in the process of having a plaque placed at the Seal Cove ramp in Bubba’s memory for his years of dedication to the town.

The Harbor Committee would also like to thank Alison H. Price for his years of dedication as Harbor Master. Al always went above and beyond the duties of Harbor Master and we regretted seeing him resign. He will be missed.

The Harbor Committee meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm at the town office. We urge anyone with questions; concerns or ideas for the Harbor to attend our meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Harbor Committee

## **TREMONT PLANNING BOARD 2004**

During the year the Tremont Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer reviewed a total of 134 applications for permits under the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Of these applications, 110 were handled by the CEO and the Planning Board held public meetings for 24 applications.

The task of updating and implementing the present ordinance is the task of the Planning Board and the Zoning Ordinance Board. These boards are presenting 11 new or revised ordinances for vote at this Public Meeting. Ordinance revisions are a continuing effort to help manage the future growth of Tremont to everyone's best interests. Our ordinances are not meant to restrict landowners from using their property; rather they exist to assure that the use of that property will attain the standards set forth in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

In 2004, three of the Board's goals will be to review the Subdivision Ordinance and the need for workforce housing, and revisit the Town's Comprehensive Plan which is the framework for ordinance development.

The Planning Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 6 pm and the Zoning Ordinance Board meets as required. These meetings are open to the public and agendas are posted at the Town Office. Everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to voice their opinions, concerns, and suggestions regarding the Zoning Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Urbanneck  
Chairman, Planning Board

## **TREMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Tremont Historical Society ended the first full season of being open to the public on October 15, 2003.

There were 193 visitors from all over the country and many offered information and wisdom for which we are very appreciative.

Our public monthly meetings, at which we have a variety of speakers is held at the Bass Harbor Memorial Library in Bernard. These meetings have been well attended and we have been told enjoyed. Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month, except in December and begin promptly at 7:00PM.

Inquiries and research from people have increased this year. This turns out to be a learning experience as we obtain information from these people.

We would like to thank the citizens of Tremont as well as the town officials for their help and consideration.

The museum will be open this year on Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00PM to 4:00PM starting Wednesday June 23, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted  
Arlene M. Bartlett-President

## **TOWN OF TREMONT HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Town of Tremont Housing Authority provided housing for twenty-two (22) elderly and disabled families during 2003. All units are occupied and there is a waiting list of individuals desiring to become tenants.

The Tremont Housing Authority assisted twenty-nine (29) families with their rent and utilities in the amount of \$140,142.00. This reduces the number of families that would normally be requesting assistance from the town.

Payment in lieu of taxes for 2003    \$2,518.27

The Tremont Housing Authority is very appreciative of the support received from the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Public Works Department in helping us care for the senior members of the community.

The Board of Commissioners meets on the third Thursday of the month on a regular basis. The meetings are handicap accessible and the public is welcome to attend. It is a good idea to call the office at 288-4770 to confirm the date and time as it is subject to change. Our office is located at 80 Mount Desert Street, Bar Harbor, ME. The office is open from 8AM to 4PM. We can be reached at 207-244-4770 or via email [terry.kelley@emdiha.org](mailto:terry.kelley@emdiha.org).

Respectfully Submitted  
Harold Cummings, Chairman  
Town of Tremont Housing Authority

## 2003 LIEN TAXES

Bennett, Kenneth	479.78
Bright, Anne	1100.62
Bright, Anne	462.30
Bright, Anne	62.33
Bright, Anne	4558.34
Butler, Robin	652.07
Campbell, Ernest	1168.71
Clayton, Michael	2679.26
Clayton, Michael	1017.36
Gekas, Sharon	1122.05
Gray, Alden	1090.35
Harper, Clyde Jr.	761.73
Harper, Steven	348.49
Higgins, Richard	342.03
Jacobs, Danny	547.19
Lawson, David	1940.90
Lizzotte, Susan	3142.93
Oxley, Linda	596.52
Patton, Wayne	1143.07
Pelletier, William	827.77
Power, Robert	1151.43
Reed, Ralph	1357.61
Schlaefel, Daniel	1002.67
Tozier, Dean	332.85
Yu, Son Ye	770.57
Yu, Son Ye	90.08
Yu, Son Ye	392.10

## 2004 UNPAID TAXES

Acadia Properties	1280.54	Murphy, Eldora	419.97
Barnello, Joseph	331.96	Murphy, Eldora	35.26
Bisgyer, Rick	3.10 (bal)	Murphy, Eldora	36.98
Bright, Anne	516.00	Murray, David	2.44 (bal)
Bright, Anne	58.50	Nelson, Thelma	1191.10
Bright, Anne	38.70	Nelson, Thelma	616.62
Bright, Anne	3574.16	Nelson, Thelma	420.54
Brooks, Ernest	878.06	Oxley, Linda	609.74
Butler, Harland	453.22	Packard, David	367.22
Butler, Robin	453.22	Patton, Wayne	777.44
Campbell, Ernest	1549.72	Pelletier, William	1888.56
Carroll, Thomas	1378.39 (bal)	Peterson, Chris	649.30
Carroll, William	729.28	Reed, Edwin	327.04 (bal)
Carroll, William	186.62	Reed, Ralph	1068.26
Clayton, Michael	2398.54	Reed-Carter, Kelli	749.92
Clayton, Michael	1081.02	Richardson, Chris	845.38
Connolly, Susan	849.68	Robbins, Elizabeth	56.89 (bal)
Connolly, Susan	1104.24	Seavey, Maurice	1146.58
Daugherty, Freda	1152.58 (bal)	Schlaefel, Daniel	746.48
Donovan, Richard	697.46	Schlaefel, David	1197.98
Dunbar, John	1392.34	Schlaefel, David	1821.48
Eaton, Christopher	1036.04 (bal)	Smith, Shirley	592.54
Fallon, Timothy	8.60 (bal)	Smith, Wendy	1246.41 (bal)
Fair, Imogene	9804.00	Stanley, Glendon	409.07 (bal)
Farley, Donn	845.38	Thurston, Kay	107.50
Gallagher, Daniel	142.40	Tozier, Dean	177.16
Gallagher, Daniel	7.74	Tuchman, Maurice	2621.28
Gekas, Sharon	1365.68	Wade, James	1858.28 (bal)
Giller, Bettina	1765.58	Young, Jennifer	485.90
Goodwin, Franklin	909.88	Yu, Son Ye	657.04
Goodwin, Robert	749.92		
Graham, Linda	457.52		
Gray, Alden	668.22		
Gray, Frank Jr.	1055.22		
Guzman, Mariano	1000.44 (bal)		
Harper, Clyde	954.60 (bal)		
Harper, Gregory	1283.98		
Harper, Stephen	1263.34		
Herrick, Elizabeth	1161.66		
Higgins, Richard	271.76		
Hodgdon, Benjamin	1163.58		
Hodgdon, Mark	2087.59		
Jacobs, Danny	195.72		
Kinney, Louise	14.19		
Lawson, David	2268.68		
Lizzotte, Susan	1989.18 (bal)		
Madore, Keith	3.89 (bal)		
McIsaac, Susan	2185.26		
McIsaac, Susan	1749.09		
Merchant-Webber	2174.08		
Murphy, Donald	56.76		
Murphy, Eldora	219.30		

## **HEALTH OFFICER**

Terri Lanpher RN, BSN is the Health Officer for the Town of Tremont. To report health concerns contact the Tremont Town Office at 244-7204. Some of the concerns I have addressed are gray water issues, poor sanitation and lack of sewage disposal. Improper storage of discarded items creates nests for rodents and other unwanted pests. Please take care of trash build up near your area.

## **E9-1-1 COMMITTEE**

The State of Maine completed the draft maps of the Town showing names of roads, the location of houses and other buildings and address numbers. The E9-1-1 Committee has completed checking and verifying the maps, which go back to the State for corrections. After the State and the Post Office approves the maps, the Town will notify residents of their new street address. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all Committee members, past and present, emergency crews will be able to use the new maps to quickly find or loved ones.

Sincerely,  
Susan Clarke  
Elliott Spiker

## TREMONT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to the following calls in 2003

- 7 Power lines
- 1 Chimney fires
- 2 Structure fires
- 5 False fire alarms
- 7 Car accidents or car fires
- 1 Mutual aid
- 3 Brush fires
- 1 Grass fire
- 1 Electrical fire
- 3 Reports of smoke
- 1 unattended fire

Once again, we were very fortunate to receive another large Grant, \$59,100.00. This was used to purchase a commercial washer, new Scott air packs and a filling system for the air packs. We also received a smaller Grant for \$4,500.00 used to purchase and install more dry hydrants.

The Department has place the order for a new tanker, which we are patiently waiting to be delivered. Our last report was the truck should arrive in June or July. The truck will carry 3700 gallons of water and will empty and fill in two to three minutes.

Because of the size of the existing tanker (Engine 5) and the new truck that is coming, the town will receive a break on insurance.

The Fire Department would like to express their thanks to everyone for their continued support to help us better assist and protect the town.

Please remember that **ALL** fires outdoors, of any kind, other than for cooking purposes **MUST** have a burning permit in hand at all times.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brad Reed-Fire Chief  
Mark Mosenteen-Asst. Fire Chief



**TREMONT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT      2003 REPORT**

**2002 End Balance      \$11,744.32**

**Income**

Interest	\$38.79
Donations - Emergency Equipment Fund	\$600.00
Donations - Canteen Crew	\$1,142.00
Donations - General	\$5,596.69
*Grant	\$69,143.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$76,520.48</b>

**Expenses**

Emergency Equipment	\$3,265.13
Building Maintenance	\$356.53
Vehicle Maintenance	\$203.15
Education Training	\$350.96
Christmas for Kids	\$125.00
Misc. Supplies Uniforms	\$70,087.68
Tax Dues	\$20.00
Personal Salaries	\$3,198.05
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$77,606.50</b>

**2003 End Balance      \$10,658.30**

CD was created August 15, 2003 for Emergency Equipment Fund in the amount of \$4,290.00

As of December 31, 2003 the ending balance of CD including interest was \$4,323.01

***Submitted by Eric M. White, Treasurer***

	<b>* Grant Money</b>	<b>Actual Cost of Items</b>
Airpaks	\$39,960.00	\$44,400.00
Radios	\$7,898.00	\$8,776.00
Compressor	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
Washer	\$3,285.00	\$3,650.00
Totals	\$69,143.00	\$76,826.00

Difference \$7,683.00

## **BASS HARBOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

We are pleased that the library was able to expand its hours in July and is now open for half-days a week. Currently our hours are Tuesday and Thursdays 1-5, and Wednesday and Saturday 10-2. We are also open Tuesday evenings, 6-8 PM, May through October. The library is located in Bernard, just after the Post Office, and we encourage all residents to pay us a visit and become a library user.

Sharon Bradford continues as our Librarian. We have been updating our children's collection this year and have many new books for school age and pre-school children. Sharon is offering a pre-school story hour on Wednesdays at 10:30 and a story hour to school age children on Saturday's at 11:00. We are always happy to see children making use of the library.

We continue to add popular new books to our adult fiction collection and will be focusing this year on updating our adult non-fiction collection. The library also subscribes to a number of popular magazines. We have a variety of videos for children and adults, a small collection of large print books and a limited number of books on tape. All materials circulate for a 2-week period of charge. We can also access books through inter-library loan if they are not available at our library.

The library has a computer with Internet access that is available for public use. You are welcome to call the library and reserve a 1-hour time slot during times we are open. You may also use the computer on a walk-in basis if it is available and has not been reserved. The library also has a Xerox machine that is available for public use at the rate of 10 cents a copy. The new Xerox machine was donated to the library by the family of Susannah Jones in memory of Charles Jones and we are grateful for this gift.

The library again sponsored a successful 2-week Summer Theater Camp for school aged children. Seventeen children participated in this program which included working with Native American musician Hawk Henries, making flutes out of bamboo and learning to play them, and putting on a production of "Island Boy" under the direction of Joe Marshall.

The Library sponsored a number of special programs this year ranging from Cookie decorating for the holidays to an evening honoring Ruth Moors on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth.

We had a successful Book Fair in August, and would like to thank all who donated books, white elephant items, food items, and raffle prizes, as well as all who volunteered at the sale. This year's sale will be Saturday, August 14 from 9-1. We accept donations at any time, but ask that you wait in white elephant items until July due to lack of storage at the library.

When possible, we are pleased to make the library facility available to community groups. Inquiries regarding use of the facility can be directed to the Librarian or to one of the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted  
Carey Donovan, Chair  
Bass Harbor Memorial Library Trustees

**LIBRARY-REVENUES**  
JULY 1, 2002 TO JUNE 30, 2003

July 1, 2002 library checking/Savings \$13,113.88

**REVENUES**

Interest	44.53
Theater Camp	554.00
Theater Grant	200.00
Donations	825.00
<u>Book Fair</u>	<u>2,087.57</u>
	\$3,711.10

\$16,824.98

**EXPENSES**

\$8,857.96 (operating)
<u>\$4,649.32 (capital)</u>
\$13,507.28 total expenses from library funds, not town funds)
\$3,317.70

Remainder of \$3,312.24 transferred to the library reserves with the town with \$5.46  
Remaining in library checking account.

**Bass Harbor Memorial Library**

Operating Expenses – July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

Librarian	7008.48
Books	2899.32
Magazines	672.25
Special Programs	956.08
Utilities	3064.24
Supplies	526.04
Maintenance	764.22
<u>Equipment</u>	<u>1115.49</u>
Total Operating Expenses	17006.12
Capital Expenses	
Re-shingle front roof	4000.00
<u>Gas Log</u>	<u>649.32</u>
Total Capital Expenses	4649.32

### **POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Police Advisory Committee meets every three months. Tremont is pleased to be the first town in the State of Maine to participate in the resident trooper program. Trooper Jason Lepper began in July 2003. His forty hours a week has been kept busy with mostly speeding violations. He has attended to two thefts, two accidents, three OUI's and four domestic disputes. He has also issued many violations to unregistered and uninspected vehicles. Hopefully the presence of an officer will make Tremont's road safer. Feel free to stop by the Town Office and meet Trooper Lepper.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Miller-Chairman

### **SEAL COVE RAMP COMMITTEE**

We have lost several trees over the winter and plans are being made to replace them. The Public Works Department has done a great job mowing and cleaning up blow downs. The objective of this committee is to improve and protect Heath Point. Heath Point is a very popular place during the summer months. The Seal Cove Ramp Committee has proposed that \$1,500.00 be raised for maintenance.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Miller-Chairman

## **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you, the members of the Tremont Community. As a new person coming into school I will tell you that there are a lot of great things happening in the school. I was highly impressed with how the school is addressing the State of Maine's mandates on foreign language and on visual and performing arts. At the holiday concert both my wife and I observed many impressive things happening in classrooms such as Pat Minier's involvement of parents as reading partners with their children.

This year there was a reduction of one teaching position at the middle school level as the two sixth grade classes were combined into one seventh. As two middle school teachers got done we hired one new teacher. Natasha Watson, a Southwest Harbor native was hired to teach Social Studies. She also teaches seventh grade math. Tamara Coffman was hired to fill a vacancy in the K-4 special education resource room.

This year has seen major change in the maintenance/custodial program. Upon my arrival it quickly became apparent that the state of the building was not what it should be. I learned that one custodian's hours had been reduced ten hours per week at his request. An aging building was also contributing to the problem. After consulting with the school committee the decision was made to hire another person. Bill Nelson was hired to replace Ernie Campbell as the bus driver so that Ernie could spend all his time on maintenance. At the time the decision was also made that the school would assume the entire responsibility of cleaning the gym and the gym bathrooms. After these changes were in place, Ernie resigned as head of maintenance/custodians. It is with a sense of regret that we say goodbye to Ernie as he has given 25 years of service to the school.

The staff members at the school have been and continue to be concerned with how our students are performing on the Maine Educational Assessments. The students at Tremont have been performing at slightly below the state average for the past few years. We know that performance levels must improve or the school will qualify as a failing school determined by the No School Left Behind Legislation. To improve our results we began examining the 2002-03 results. We examined the tests to compare our curriculum to the expectations set by the state. Parents are invited to be part of this process. After reviewing the student's results, we are in the process of redesigning what and how we teach. We are also looking at all the school's policies and practices as to how they impact student achievement. Each year we will report out on our progress towards meeting goal of improving performance levels.

I would like to conclude this report by thanking all the teachers for all the countless hours they provide. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the staff at the town office as well as the town crew for working together as we share building space. The Tremont School Fund Committee also deserves thanks for the financial support they have given to provide learning opportunities for the children. I would like to thank the Tremont Recreation Board for helping fund the new gym floor. The members of the school board also deserve an immense amount of gratitude for all the time they spend working for the benefits of Tremont's students. Finally I would like to thank the parents and community members for the obvious support you have provided the school over the past years.

Respectfully Submitted  
Principal Peter Campbell

## **WILLIAM SEARLS FOUNDATION**

This represents the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the William Searls Scholarship Foundation. William Searls dies in a tragic automobile accident on December 23, 1951. In the spring of 1952 the William Searls Scholarship Foundation was started by Sims Davis, Lawrence S. Robinson and Thomas Searls Jr. The fund started with \$2,620.00 and high hopes of helping Pemetic High School graduates to continue their education as a fitting tribute to the memory of William Searls. When MDI High School was constructed the scholarship eligibility was amended to require a student from Pemetic or Tremont Consolidated School as well as MDI High School.

Through generous support of our friends and neighbors as well as principal growth of investments, the foundation has a current balance of approximately \$395,000.00. We have helped more than 467 students with awards in excess of \$382,000.00.

Gifts in memory of loved ones continue to be a major source of our growth. Please remember us with donations in memory of your loved ones for the benefit of educating our young. We thank your contributions both great and small.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald W. Worcester and Margo Stanley Trustees  
Steve Parady (for the First National Bank of Bar Harbor Corp)

## **SCHOOL NURSE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR**

The school health program, supervised by the school nurse, consists of hearing, vision, scoliosis and growth screening and making appropriate referrals. The nurse arranges necessary physical exams, consults with parents and health professionals when basic health and wellness related issues. The nurse serves as a member of the Crisis Team, the Wellness Team, Communities for Children and is available to the SAT and PET teams as needed.

This year the school health services were contracted through the Mount Desert Island Hospital to provide services five days a week for thirty hours a week. Terri Lanpher RN is the Tremont School Nurse.

Services provided Fall of 2003

Vision Screening: 87 screened, 5 referred

Hearing Screening: 87 screened, 3 referred

Illnesses/Accidents Requiring Treatment:

September 183

October 106

November 81

December 86

Total 486

## **TREMONT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL**

Superintendent of Schools	Rob Liebow
Curriculum Coordinator	Craig Kesselheim
Special Services	Kelley Sanborn
Principal	Peter Campbell
School Secretary	Susan McIsaac
Bookkeeper/Secretary	Elaine Eaton
Kindergarten	Marilyn Miller
Grade 1	Susan Hodgdon
Grade 2	Patricia Minier
Grade 3	Candy Herrick
Grade 4	Crystal Dow
Grade 5	Terry Stanley
Grade 6,7,8	Natasha Watson
	Jeanne Nagorniuk
	James Sawyer
French Teacher	Sara Grant
	Terese Miller
Librarian	Tammy Crossman-Turner
Resource Room	Liz Robbins
	Tamera Coffman
Classroom Aides	Cheri Willard
	Janet Stratton
	Louise Kinney
	Terri Riemens
Special Education Aides	Becky Hopkins
	Jan Johnson
Computer Coordinators	Max Crain
	Meghan Haney
Speech/Language Clinician	Libby Nelson
Guidance	Carey Donovan



Reading Specialist	Jane Monohan
Music	Wanda Whitener
Art	Sandra Irwin
Physical Education & Athletic Director	David Gray
School Nurse	Terri Lanpher
Kitchen Staff	Cookie Baldwin
	Jaylene Sanborn
Bus Drivers	Linda Parsons
	Nancy Elvin
Custodians	TJ Paulos

---

**Current budget documents were not included in this, the website version of the Town Report. Those documents can be obtained from the Town Office.**